

Meeting Notes
May 14, 2008

Present: Daryl DeFrance, Ken Gandenberger, Mark Greydanus, Pearl Kilman, Les Kilman, Brian Rumsey, Janet Zimmerman, Kathy Looney

Kathy Looney opened the meeting by addressing the action item list, then turned the meeting over to Janet Z. Action item reports:

- Janet contacted Montana Tech about getting engineering students to survey the Pony townsite. They were interested but did not commit at this time.
- Kathy contacted Madison County consultant Stacy Reed to find out where she is regarding the streets in Pony. She has yet to get to Pony at all and believes it will be at least 3 months before she is finished with the street record survey of Madison County.
- Marilyn Ross was going to look into acquiring all the names and addresses of folks that own property in Pony in order to send them a questionnaire. Marilyn was unable to attend the May 14 meeting.

Janet began by querying all of the committee members.

- I'm concerned with the maintenance of the streets, especially those that service more than on residence.
- Why doesn't the county road grader go ahead and grade more or all roads once they are in Pony with the grader?
- Would like to see the Madison County road crew maintain the roads on a more regular basis and have some streets designated as higher priority.
- I'm not here in the winter. Is the county prompt in snow removal? Yes, but only on the school bus route. There does seem to be some communication between the county and the state. The county does sand in the winter and is good about sanding the steeper roads.
- I see another issue. We're all from different areas in town. Maybe we should divide the town into districts and then have each person visit with folks in their neighborhood and get an idea of what and where there are concerns.
- Mallory Street isn't where it's supposed to be. We need to figure out some way to provide access to property owners on Mallory.
- Mallory has gotten to be a scenic route. We don't want the county to maintain it but it has become too much for small property owners that use Mallory to access their property.
- Cost of roads, the public has a right to know the cost of building a particular road.
- Did Marilyn Ross state at the commissioners meeting in Pony that it is up to the road foreman to designate which roads are priority roads and get maintenance?
- Formal request to the county to find out the cost of building Willow Street.
- Concern expressed over how the Willow Street decision was made and whether that could become a precedence for how streets are addressed in Pony in the future.
- I think the county realized in retrospect that a mistake was made in how they handled Willow Street.
- Brian's questionnaire is pretty good. Let's move forward quickly.
- Broader question about how people feel about growth in general in the Pony area.
- Much concern over the closure of Centennial Street. There is no easement for future possible growth like sewer or a fire hydrant system.
- Like to see more gravel on all the roads.
- Do we address roads in the area or just roads in the Pony town site? Just the Pony town site.

Brian Rumsey submitted questions for the questionnaire. Group members went over the questions making a few changes but generally found Brian's rough draft did a good job of addressing road issues in Pony.

Meet again on May 21st to go over the revised questionnaire.

Action items:

- Janet will post notice of the next meeting.
- Kathy will type up notes and a final draft of the questionnaire.

- Next meeting: May 21st, 2008. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Masonic Hall in Pony